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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 9:41 AM
To: 'Richard Falasco'
Subject: RE: Protest of Docket 2011-271-E

Dear Mr. Falasco,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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From: Richard Falasco [<mailto:richndiane60@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 9:31 AM
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It is beyond me how when every other company is cutting cost and trying to get there product to be less expensive so people in this ailing economy can afford it, Duke Energy want to increase cost and make there product more expensive.

The worse of it is they don't even want to increase a reasonable amount. They want a huge 17%!!! How can they justify the fact that when average income in the United States, including South Carolina, is going down and people are getting no pay raises or a 2 or 3% pay raise at best, they want a 17% raise.

Have they made all the drastic cut backs and efficiency improvements that other companies have gone through to cut cost? I think they should answer this question and provide proof of the cut backs and lower cost improvements they made. If they show they have done this and still need the raise, then they should be told they get 3% just like the majority of other people and companies in the country and they will just have to make due with that. Just like everybody else has to make due.

Don't let a company that has control of peoples lives act like they know it and let them charge whatever they want. Duke Energy has to have there protective bubble burst and realize they have to tighten there belt just like everybody else.

Don't let the Public Service Commission seem like they are in Duke Energy's pocket. Do the people of South Carolina proud and make Duke Energy show beyond a reasonable doubt that they are cutting cost. Then and only then give them a small raise just like all companies and people are getting in this country.

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